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**WEST COAST PREMIERE: MERCER ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND FAITHTRUST INSTITUTE PRESENT A SCREENING OF ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

*Film’s Participant and Director attend special Seattle area screening of documentary about children of missionaries surviving abuse at the hands of Protestant missionaries in Africa*

(New York, August 2009) *All God’s Children* will have its West Coast premiere on **Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm, at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church, 3605 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Mercer Island.** Luci Westphal (Brooklyn, NY), one of the film’s two directors, and Marilyn Shellrude Christman (Seattle, WA), a film participant, will partake in a Q&A after the screening led by FaithTrust Institute’s Founder Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune.

Through the eyes of three families, the documentary ***All God’s Children (70 minutes)*** tells the personal story of the first boarding school for children of missionaries to be investigated for abuse at the hands of the parents’ Protestant missionary colleagues. The survivors and parents share their journey of seeking justice, redemption and healing. While the American parents were stationed throughout West Africa, their children were required to attend the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) boarding school in Mamou, Guinea. Cut off from their parents, the children quietly endured the abuse by the all-missionary staff. When, as adults, they finally dared to speak out, the C&MA denied all allegations. Through years of persistent activism, the survivors and their parents finally compelled the C&MA to conduct an investigation and acknowledge the abuses. The healing could begin.

*"I believe that this story is a valuable addition to the growing awareness of how children have been long sacrificed on the altar of God's work, and that alone will be healing for many of us, so thank you for that."*

- William Paul Young, author of NY Times #1 Bestseller *The Shack*

*"The tragic implications are clear: All God's Children forces us to ask ourselves, What does it gain a man if he saves the whole world but loses his own children?"*

- Brandon Fibbs, *Christianity Today*

**About FaithTrust Institute:** Founded in 1977, FaithTrust Institute is a national, multi-faith training and education organization with global reach. FaithTrust Institute works to end sexual and domestic violence by providing religious leaders and advocates with the educational tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to abuse. For more information, please visit [www.faithtrustinstitute.org](http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org).

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The filmmakers and the families featured in the documentary are available for interviews.

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